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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (NUMBERED PARA 4 LINE 3 OF UNNUMBERED
PARA 9 - VEHICLE VICE VEHICLES)

FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MPOL, PFOR, EG
SUBJ: LATE ARRIVAL AT E-1

1. AN EGYPTIAN TRUCK WITH FORTY PERSONNEL SPENT NIGHT MAY 9-10 IN
BUFFER ZONE OUTSIDE PERIMETER EGYPTIAN E-1 SURVEILLANCE SITE
UNDER UN ESCORT. VEHICLE HAD ARRIVED AT E-1 FOUR MINUTES AFTER
DEADLINE SET BY TWO PARTIES AND UN IN MOVEMENT SCHEDULE DEFINING
TERM "ONLY DURING DAYLIGHT" IN ARTICLE III OF PROTOCOL.

2. FOLLOWING LATE ARRIVAL TRUCK, SFM INFORMED COMMANDING OFFICER
E-1, SARELO ISMAILIA, AND UNEF THAT ENTRY OF VEHICLE WOULD
CONSTITUTE VIOLATION WHICH WOULD BE REPORTED. IN COURSE SEVERAL
DISCUSSIONS, CO OF E-1 NOTED THAT EGYPT HAD GOOD RECORD ON VIOL-
ATIONS AND DID NOT WISH COMMIT ONE. BUT HE INSISTED VEHICLE HAD TO
BE AUTHORIZED ENTRY BECAUSE REAL INCONVENIENCE WOULD BE IMPOSED
IF IT AND PERSONNEL HAD TO RETURN CHECKPOINT ALPHA TO DEPART
BUFFER ZONE. SFM ACKNOWLEDGED THE FEW MINUTES LATENESS AND HARD-
SHIPS ON THOSE INVOLVED, BUT STATED THAT DEADLINE HAD BEEN SIM-
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ILARLY APPLIED AT OTHER SURVEILLANCE SITE AND THAT SINAI II AGREE-
MENT AUTHORIZED NO EXCEPTIONS TO PROCEDURES.

3. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN E-1 AND CAIRO, AND SARELO
AND UNEF, IT WAS AGREED BETWEEN EGYPT AND UN THAT TRUCK AND
PERSONNEL WOULD REMAIN AT E-1 PERIMETER OVERNIGHT UNDER ESCORT.
IT WOULD ENTER E-1 AT 0600, THE TIME AGREED IN SCHEDULE FOR

START MOVEMENT. E-1 FURNISHED MEAL FOR EGYPTIAN TRUCK PASSENGERS AND SFM SENT FOOD TO UN ESCORT. AT 0600 MAY 9, VEHICLE AND PERSONNEL ENTERED E-1.

4. TRUCK, WHICH WAS PART THREE VEHICLE CONVOY, WAS LATE PRIMARILY DUE TO CONVOY BEING ALLOWED BY UNMO AT CHECKPOINT ALPHA TO DEPART THIRTY MINUTES AFTER 1700 HOURS LOCAL. LATTER IS AGREED DEADLINE FOR ENTRY AT ALPHA SO THAT EGYPTIAN VEHICLES WILL HAVE TIME TRANSIT BUFFER ZONE AND REACH E-1 BEFORE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY THERE. SFM WARNED UNEF THAT CONVOY SHOULD BE RECALLED AS IT WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE LATE. UNEF DID NOT RESPOND. THE TWO JEEPS IN THE CONVOY ARRIVED E-1 AT THE 1830 DEADLINE. THEY WERE INSPECTED AND ADMITTED. THE TRUCK ARRIVED FOUR MINUTES LATER. SFM LOG AND ACTION FOLLOW:

1730 - SFM SHIFT SUPERVISOR INFORMED WATCH OFFICER (MR. HARE) THAT CHECKPOINT ALPHA WAS SENDING A CONVOY OF TWO JEEPS, ONE TRUCK AND 52 PERSONNEL TO E-1.

WATCH OFFICER CALLED CHECKPOINT ALPHA TO ASK WHY CONVOY WAS RELEASED AFTER THE AGREED TIME OF 1700 HOURS. UNMO SAID INSPECTION OF VEHICLES JUST THEN COMPLETED. WATCH OFFICER ADVISED UNMO THAT IF CONVOY ARRIVED AFTER 1830 SFM WOULD NOT APPROVE ENTRY TO E-1.

1740 - AFTER CONSULTING WITH MR. ROBERTS, WATCH OFFICER INFORMED UNEF ISMAILIA VIA TELETYPE THAT CONVOY MIGHT NOT REACH E-1 BY 1830 AND IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TURN IT AROUND. MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO DUTY OFFICER. NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED.

1825 - CONVOY WAS SIGHTED BY GIDDI EAST WATCH STATION ON ACCESS ROAD TO E-1.

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SFM LIAISON OFFICER AT E-1 WAS INSTRUCTED BY WATCH OFFICER TO INSPECT VEHICLES. IF THEY ARRIVED PRIOR TO 1830, ADMIT THEM. IF THEY ARRIVED AFTER 1830, HE WAS TO REFUSE ENTRY AND ASK ESCORT TO RETURN THEM TO CP ALPHA.

1844 - SFM LO REPORTED THAT HE HAD ADMITTED TWO JEEPS THAT ARRIVED AT 1830 BUT HAD NOT AUTHORIZED ENTRY TO THE TRUCK WHICH ARRIVED AT 1834. HE SAID EGYPTIAN LO WAS CONSULTING WITH E-1 COMMANDING OFFICER.

1902 - SFM TRANSMITTED MESSAGE TO E-1, WITH INFO TO UNEF ISMAILIA, THAT: CONVOY OF THREE ARE VEHICLES HAD BEEN DISPATCHED FROM CP ALPHA AT 1730 HOURS; THAT TWO OF THE VEHICLES HAD REACHED E-1 BY 1830 HOURS AND WERE ADMITTED; THAT THIRD VEHICLE ARRIVED AFTER 1830; AND THAT BY THE SCHEDULE COULD NOT ENTER E-1 WITHOUT VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT. IT WAS NOTED THAT SFM HAD INFORMED CHECKPOINT ALPHA AND UNEF ISMAILIA AT 1740 THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CASE IF CONVOY FAILED TO ARRIVE BEFORE 1830 HOURS.

1916 - SFM LO AT E-1 TRANSMITTED MESSAGE FROM CO OF E-1 TO MR. ROBERTS ASKING THAT VEHICLE BE PERMITTED TO ENTER. HE FELT THAT SINCE ALL VEHICLES WERE IN SAME CONVOY THAT ALL SHOULD BE ADMITTED. HE EXPLAINED THAT TRUCK WAS HEAVY VEHICLE, LOADED WITH PEOPLE AND COULD NOT MAKE RUN UP THE HILL AS QUICKLY AS THE TWO JEEPS.

1924 - SFM MESSAGE (OF 1902 HOURS) WAS PASSED TO CO OF E-1 BY EGYPTIAN LO AT E-1.

1930 - E-1 COMMANDING OFFICER SAID SINCE MESSAGE WAS SENT TO UNEF ISMAILIA, HE WOULD HAVE TO CALL CAIRO.

2000 - MR. ROBERTS SENT CONFIRMING TELEX TO CO OF E-1 EXPLAINING WHY EXCEPTION COULD NOT BE MADE FOR THIS VEHICLE AND THAT VEHICLES HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED ENTRY AT OTHER SITE FOR SIMILAR REASONS. IF VEHICKE ENTERED, IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION.

2200 - AFTER SERIES OF FURTHER TELEPHONE AND RADIO CALLS, IT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREED BETWEEN SARELO SUEZ, SARELO ISMAILIA, AND UNEF ISMAILIA THAT VEHICLE WOULD REMAIN IN BUFFER ZONE UNDER UNEF ESCORT UNTIL 0600 HOURS MAY 9 WHEN IT COULD ENTER E-1 WITHOUT VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

EXERCISE DISCREET DISCRETION NOT POSSIBLE IN SUCH SITUATIONS HOWEVER RESASONABLE. MUCH OF ABOVE WAS MONITORED BY IDF. THE ISRAELI LIAISON OFFICER AT SFM CHECKSITE AT J-1 REPORTED UNFOLDING EVENTS TO COMMANDING OFFICER THERE.
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